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1. SUMMARY: MAXIMO SAN ROMAN DECEMBER 1
LAUNCHED A VIGOROUS COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST
PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. THE "CONSTITUTIONAL
PRESIDENT" DEFENDED THE RIGHT OF PERUVIANS TO
OVERTHROW AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL REGIME. HE
REPEATED CHARGES OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR
MONTESINOS' INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING AND
THE NOVEMBER 1991 MASSACRE IN BARRIOS
ALTOS. END SUMMARY.

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ALL DENY COMPLICITY

2. (U) VICE-PRESIDENT MAXIMO SAN ROMAN, ACTING APRA SECRETARY GENERAL MERCEDES CABANILLAS, POPULAR CHRISTIAN PARTY CO-SECRETARY GENERAL ALBERTO BOREA, AND EX-SENATOR RICARDO AMIEL HAVE ALL CONTINUED TO DENY PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI'S CHARGES THAT THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THE ABORTIVE NOVEMBER 12/13 COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST HIM. SAN ROMAN ASSERTED THAT SALINAS WAS ACTING CONSTITUTIONALLY (REFTEL B).

PPC DENIES KNOWLEDGE

3. (U) THE POPULAR CHRISTIAN PARTY (PPC) ISSUED A STATEMENT DECEMBER 1 DENYING ALLEGATIONS OF
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INVOLVEMENT IN AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACT. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PARTY STATEMENT CAREFULLY DISTANCED ITSELF FROM ITS SECRETARY-GENERAL ALBERTO BOREA. THE PPC STATEMENT DECLARES THAT "WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY DR. ALBERTO BOREA, JOINT SECRETARY-GENERAL...." THAT THE ALLEGATIONS OF HIS PRIOR CONTACT WITH THE COUP PLOTTERS ARE FALSE OR THAT HE PROMISED PPC SUPPORT TO A COUP. THE STATEMENT GOES ON TO DENY THAT "DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY" THE PARTY HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNTER-COUP ATTEMPT. THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES BY STATING THE PARTY'S POLICY IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CCD AS THE VEHICLE TO END PERU'S CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS.

SAN ROMAN COUNTERATTACKS

4. (U) MAXIMO SAN ROMAN, FORMER SENATOR AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, HELD A WIDELY ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE AT HIS OFFICE DECEMBER 1 TO COUNTERATTACK AGAINST PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN THE COUP ATTEMPT. SAN ROMAN, WHO ISSUED A STATEMENT ON "PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC" LETTERHEAD PAPER, DENIED ALL PRIOR

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SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUP ATTEMPT, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED KNOWING AND HAVING MEETINGS WITH COUP LEADER JAIME SALINAS. IN ANY EVENT, HE INSISTED, ATTEMPTS TO RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT FROM A DE FACTO REGIME ARE SANCTIONED

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BY THE 1979 CONSTITUTION.

5. (U) RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S DECLARATIONS (REFTEL B) THAT HE HAD PROOF OF ROMAN'S AND THE OTHERS' INVOLVEMENT, SAN ROMAN REPLIED THAT TESTIMONY OBTAINED FROM INDIVIDUALS "WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO TORTURE" WAS WORTHLESS.

6. (U) AS IN EARLIER PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS (REFTEL A), SAN ROMAN, WHO CONSIDERS HIMSELF THE "CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF PERU," NEVER REFERRED TO FUJIMORI BY HIS TITLE. SAN ROMAN ALWAYS REFERRED TO FUJIMORI AS "THE DICTATOR" OR THE "DE FACTO GOVERNMENT." (AS FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, SAN ROMAN WAS NEXT IN SUCCESSION

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IN BY A RUMP SESSION OF THE PERUVIAN PARLIAMENT
AFTER IT HAD BEEN DISSOLVED ON APRIL 5 AFTER
FIRST DECLARING THE PRESIDENCY VACANT.)

FLEEING TO A FOREIGN EMBASSY

7. (U) ASKED IF NOW, FEARING ARREST, HE
INTENDED TO SEEK ASYLUM IN AN EMBASSY, SAN ROMAN
SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CRITIQUE PRESIDENT
FUJIMORI'S POST-MIDNIGHT FLIGHT TO THE JAPANESE
EMBASSY DURING THE ATTEMPTED COUP. A SMILING
SAN RAMON TOLD THE MEDIA, "I AM A PERUVIAN. IF
YOU KNOW OF A PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN LIMA, I WOULD
GO THERE, BUT I DEFINITELY WON'T GO TO A FOREIGN
EMBASSY."

MONTESINOS WAS INVOLVED IN MASS MURDER

8. (U) AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, SAN ROMAN
PROVIDED REPORTERS WITH A COPY OF AN ALLEGED
DOCUMENT FROM PERUVIAN INTELLIGENCE IMPLICATING
PRESIDENTIAL INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR VLADIMIRO
MONTESINOS AND FIVE OTHER RANKING OFFICIALS IN
PLANNING AND AUTHORIZING THE NOVEMBER 17, 1991,
MASSACRE OF 15 PERSONS IN BARRIOS ALTOS, NEAR
LIMA. THE DOCUMENT WAS UNDATED, UNNUMBERED, AND
UNSIGNED. SAN ROMAN ALSO REPEATED CHARGES THAT
MONTESINOS IS INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING. HE

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INVESTIGATION, WHICH HE SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO
DO, OF THE CHARGES.

FUJIMORI: PUT UP OR SHUT UP

9. (U) REPLYING TO SAN ROMAN'S COUNTERCHARGES,
PRESIDENT FUJIMORI SAID THAT SAN ROMAN SHOULD
PRESENT PROOF SUPPORTING HIS CHARGES, IF HE HAS
ANY. ASKED ABOUT GENERAL SALINAS' DEFENSE THAT
OVERTHROW OF AN ILLEGAL REGIME AND RESTORATION
OF CONSTITUTION GOVERNMENT IS NOT A CRIME,
FUJIMORI REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A TECHNICAL LEGAL
ISSUE FOR THE COURTS TO DECIDE. REFERRING TO
HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT THE PLOTTERS HAD PLANNED TO
MURDER HIM, FUJIMORI SAID THAT THE CONSTITUTION
DOESN'T SANCTION HOMICIDE.

10. (C) COMMENT: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS BOTH A
SHOOT FROM THE HIP STYLE AND A FIRM BELIEF THAT
MUCH OF THE TRADITIONAL PERUVIAN ESTABLISHMENT
IS OUT TO GET HIM. THE NOVEMBER 12/13 COUP AND
HIS SUCCESS IN THE NOVEMBER 22 CCD ELECTIONS
HAVE DONE LITTLE TO DAMPEN EITHER TENDENCY. THE
ACCUSED HAVE RESPONDED TO HIS THUS FAR
UNDOCUMENTED ALLEGATIONS OF COUP COMPLICITY IN
KIND. ALL OF THE DEFENSES HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY
WORDED AND READING BETWEEN THE LINES SUGGEST
THAT THOSE ACCUSED OF ASSOCIATION WITH RETIRED
GENERAL SALINAS ADMIT TO BEING INVOLVED, TO SOME
DEGREE, WHILE INSISTING THEY DID NOTHING
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"UNCONSTITUTIONAL."

11. (C) IN SAN ROMAN'S CASE, UP TO NOW THE
GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED HIM SO INCONSEQUENTIAL
AND NON-THREATENING THAT IT HAS PERMITTED PERU'S
"CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT" UNRESTRICTED TRAVEL
AND ACCESS TO THE MEDIA. WHETHER SAN ROMAN HAS

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NOW CROSSED OVER THE LINE FROM IRRELEVANCY TO
DANGER HAS YET TO BE SEEN.
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